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Title: USE OF FIELD GAS FOR PRE-REFINING CONVENTIONAL CRUDE OIL INTO  
A PRE-REFINED ASPHALTENES-FREE OIL REFINERY FEEDSTOCK PA AND A  
LIQUID RESIDUAL OIL REFINERY FEEDSTOCK PB

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of  
the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.